

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	:	Culbert et al.
Appl. No.	:	10/623,193
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For	:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SPINAL FIXATION
Examiner	:	Anuradha Ramana
Group Art Unit	:	3733

SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Communication mailed on March 19, 2007, please enter this Substitute Amendment which replaces the Amendment filed on December 13, 2006 and addresses the deficiencies noted by the Examiner in March 19, 2007 Communication.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper. A "Replacement Sheet" for each sheet of drawings being amended can be found in the end of the Amendment.

Summary of Interview begins on page 9 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.